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ISSUES UNDER THE WILL

Contest Over Instrument Signed by the Late Judge Holt.

Issues Are to Be Three, as to Intent of Testator, the Signatures of Witnesses, and Probable Revocation.

There is a great deal of interest center-ing in the Holt will contest, a proceeding that will soon be resumed before Justice Hagner. It was expected that on Friday last counsel would be ready with a motion to assign the issues and that a date would be fixed for their consideration, but neither

be fixed for their consideration, but neither side was represented in court.

The main issues are three. First, whether the will received by the register by mail on August 24, 1195, and dated February 7, 1573, was executed as the last will and testament of the late Joseph Holt; second, whether or not Ellen B. F. Sherman, Ulysses S. Grant and W. F. Sherman witnessed the document as the last will and testament at the request and in the presence of the testator, and third, whether or not the will was afterwards revoked.

CELFERATER ATTORNEYS ENGAGED

CELEBRATED ATTORNEYS ENGAGED. The celebrated attorney, Joseph H. Choate of New York has been retained as the counsel for Miss Josephine Throckmorton Holi, sel for Miss Josephine Throckmorton Holt, and his appearance as a participant in the proceedings will add much to the interest of the controversy. The presence of the plaintiffs, also, in the court will be an incident of moment, and will lend a normantic tings to the proceedings.

One is a decrepit old lady, all her life a paretic and dependent upon the kindness of the relative whose will is in controversy, the other is a legatiful vorus, lady

of the relative whose will is in controversy, the other is a beautiful young lady, described as tall, queenly and fascinating.

The contention of the heirs-at-law as recently presented to the court by their counsel was that the will is a forgery, but if valid and otherwise of force, the instrument was not properly signed. The answer of Miss Holt and Miss Hynes is that the will is clearly not a forgery, and that the other facts, as to the time and act of signing, could not be proved. and act of signing, could not be proved.

It is now over three months since the mysterious document was received by the register of wills by mail. As will be remembered, the document was posted from some point in Washington between 3 and 5 6 bock in the afternoon of Saturday, August 24.

WRITTEN BY JUDGE HOLT.

The will was clearly written by Judge Holt, the well-remembered handwriting being thoroughly established. As to the fact of signing by the witnesses whose names appear as such, it is shown by reference to newspaper files that on February 7, 1873, President Grant and Gen. and Mrs. Sherman were in Washington, and the rest is up to this date left to conjecture. Not a single fact has been unearthed since August 24 to throw any light on the case, but two presumptions, according to the lawyers, are believed to be inconfrovertible in regard to the history of the paper after Judge Holt and the witnesses signed it. It was folded when it was burned, for the holes, made as if by coals on a grate fire, are in a coinciding line diagonally across the paper when it is folded, and these holes grow gradually smaller from the outer fold to the inner.

The other fact presumed is that one-fourth of the paper on which the will was written is gone, for there is a ruled line within an eighth of an inch of the top of the sheet. The writing is close to this edge, and the decument, when folded in the way in which lawyers fold legal papers, shows clearly that a portion of the sheet is missing. WRITTEN BY JUDGE HOLT. As the estate amounts to \$200,000 the

heirs-at-law declare that they will fight hard and long against this will. They assert that there was another will made in 1886, which made an entirely different disposition of the property.

MR. BAKER EXONERATED.

His Course in the Nicaraguan Murder

Thoroughly Satisfactory.

The alleged confiscation of the estate of Joseph Hissmaier, by the Nicaragoan government, because his American citizenship was not proven, and no heirs appeared, and about which some of his friends in this country appeared to be midgnant against Mr. Baker, the United States minister to Nicaragoa, attributing to him the base of Hissmaier's property, has been made a matter of inquiry at the State Department. The documents on file there do not indicate any lack of vigilance on Mr. Baker's part, and it was stated that it was only recently that he discovered that Hissmaier was an American citizen.

Hissmaier was murdered, and about six months ago his alleged murderer was lynched by persons said to have been Americans. At any rate some Americans were arrested as parties to the lynching, but were dealt with lemently by the Nicaragoan government. Thoroughly Satisfactory.

vernment. The statement that Baker appointed a The statement that Baker appointed acurator of Hissmaier's estate on the assumptionthal the deceased was an American citizen is true, but it is not said at the Department that proof of Hissmaier's nationality could be produced within the period of time provided by law, and the estate was accordingly confiscated. The case, it is understood, has been reopened on representations made by relatives of Hissmaier in Chicago.

## ALL FINED AND RELEASED

Kinsello and Miss Minor Spent Saturday Night in Cells.

They Denied They Had Been Drink-Be Married ..

Fannie Minor, the young girl whose clopement with Thomas Kinsello has been told in The Times, spent Saturday night and early all Sunday in the Alexandria police station, a prisoner with her prospective husband, her sister, Maud Minor, and C. J. Stansbury, who says he has been paying attentions to Miss Maud.

The quartet, as stated in The Times yes terday, were arrested for disorderly conduct. Mayor Thompson, in consequence of the illness of Fannie Minor and the appeals of the quartet, departed from his usual rule, and gave them a hearing in Captain Webster's office at 1:30 o'clock yesterday

Police Officer Atkinson, who made the arrests, stated that he had gone to the corner of King and Pitt streets in response to a telephone call, and had arrested Stansbury, who became very abusive, and required considerable force to get him to station. Kinsello, and the two girls followed him and they were also locked Mr. Atkinson's statement was corroborated by Mr. R. E. Knight, who as-

sisted the officer. Both thought the party had been drinking. Mrs. Adamson, the matron at the Alex-andria Infirmary, where Fannie Minor was andria Infirmary, where Fannie Minor was carried after being taken sick, stated that when the party were brought to the infirmary she had taken Fannie and her sister to a room and had prepared Fannie for bed and told her sister to go to bed with her. Kinselic and Stansbury had come to the bospital, but evinced no disposition to leave, though it was after 11 o'clock, until ordered out by Dr. Jones. They went out, but almost immediately came back and began knocking at the door. For fear of alarming the patients she opened For fear of alarming the patients she opened the door again and the men demanded that

the door again and the men demanded that the girls go with them, and Maud Minor insisted upon accompanying them. The men were loud and boisterous and she was sorry to say the girls were under the influence of liquor.

The conduct of the men was so boisterous that Dr. Jones telephoned for an officer.

Stansbusy was then allowed to make a statement. He said-that he was a friend of the parents of the girls, and had been paying attention to Maud. With the consent of Fannie's parents, he had gone to Alexandria to see the couple married, consent of Fannie's parents, he had gone to Alexandria to see the couple married, thinking that a license was not necessary there. When they arrived there they called on Rev. Mr. Butler of the First Baptist Church, and asked him to marry the couple. Mr. Butler explained that he could not, as a license is not only required, but the woman must be a resident of the city and county in which the ceremony takes place.

Hoping that Mr. Butler might be mistaken, they then went to see Rev. Theron H. Rice, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, but he was not in. They then had supper, and while there, Fannie complained of feeling ill, and they were on their way to the depot to take a train for Washington, when she became sick. She was carried into Purceil's millinery store, on King street, where Dr. Jones

she was carried into Purcell's millinery store, on King street, where Dr. Jones attended her, and ordered her to be taken to the infirmary. He insisted that none of them were drunk, that his conduct at the infirmary was caused by his understanding that he would have to pay \$10 for the attendance upon Fannie. He only resisted the officer because he did not know he was a policeman, as he was not in uniform.

Kinsello and the side wade.

and the girls made no state-Kinsello and the girs hade to share ments, Fannie saying she was too ill to recall what went on, and her sister saying she had not drunk anything, nor was she

## Men's Boots--



in the habit of drinking. Kinsello acknowledged that he had some beer. The mayor after he had heard the evidence imposed a fine of \$5 on each for disorderly conduct. Stansbury had but \$6 with him and the mayor took this and ordered the release of the girls, intending to hold the two men for the \$14 halance, but Stansbury pleaded so hard to be released, and stated that it was the first time he had ever been in trouble, that his watch was taken as security and they were all released and returned to Washington at 3 o'clock. Stansbury in a conversation with the mayor after the trial stated that Fannie and Kinsello would be married in Washington today.

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Mrs. Minor, the mother of the girls, saw the story of the arrest of her daughters in The Times yesterday merning and was at the police station to see them by 10 o'clock. She had a long interview with her daughters and the men but left before the trial.

DAILY LIST OF ROBBERIES. More Victims Report Losses to the

Handicapped Police. The robberies reported to the police

Mrs. F. A. Povd. 1616 Twenty-secon street northwest, lost or had stolen in Center Market on Saturday a pocketbook, a pension check for \$120 and \$5 in cash.
William T. Salter, Warder building, had stolen on Saturday a horse blanket and plaid kersey. Mrs. Lucy Chapman, 1:09 R street northwest, had stolen from house within

past two weeks two grip sacks and two Charles Ford, 128 D street northwest, had stolen from vacant houses at south-east corner of Nineteenth and G streets northwest electrical fixtures valued at \$150.

W. W. Wallace, Fort Myer, had stoler a bicycle by a deserter.

Charles H. Young, of Cobb's Hotel, had stolen from him at the Academy of Music a sword and sailor hat.

CHRISTMAS TIDE SONGS.

Rev. Wallace Radeliffe's Sermon on "The Magnificat."

The second of a series of sermons upon ongs of Christmastide was delivered before a large congregation last evening by the pastor, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The subject for last evening's discourse was "The Magnificat," and the text was from Luke i. 46-55, "And Mary Said, My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord." In discussing the subject Rev. Dr. Rad-

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cliffe beautifully contrasted the life of Eve, whose unbelief brought sin and sorrow into the world, with the faith of Mary in the fulfillment of the things spoken unto her by the Lord. The subject fo "The Benedictus." subject for next Sunday will be tenedictus."

TRGE A HIGHER STANDARD. West Point Board of Visitors Make

Important Suggestions. The report of the board of visitors to he West Point Military Academy orges Congress to pass an act which will permit the appointment of twenty cadets by the President, one by each Senator and one by each representative and delegate, in-creasing the strength of the corps from 371, as now authorized, to 469. It is recommended that the present law regardng exanduations for admission to the my be-repealed and the following enneted:

"Appointees to the military academy shall be examined under such regulations elative to time, manner, place and subects of study as may be prescribed from time to time by the Secretary of War."

The report discusses at length the low standard for admission to West Point as compared with Yale, Harvard, Princeton,

John Hopkins University or the bette colleges of the United States, and the colleges of the United States, and the military schools of Europe, and says there seems to be no reason for committing the power of fixing the requisites for admission to the Naval Academy to the Secretary of the Navy which could not be orged in favor of giving the Secretary of War the same power regarding West

Republican Mass Meeting. The Republicans of the District of Colum-

bia have completed arrangements for a mass meeting at G. A. R. Hall, December 11. 1895. The following speakers have been invited. Hon. J. S. Clarkson, Hon. John Shetman, Hon. M. S. Quay, Speaker T. B. Reed, Hon. John M. Langston, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, D. D., Rev. J. A. Taylor, Richard Laws, Rev. George W. Lee, and members of the National Re-publican committee. The following caudidates will deliver addresses: Col. P. H. arson. L. M. Saunders, M. M. Holland M. M. Parker, L. C. Balley, Robert H. Key, and Dr. C. B. Purvis, All Repubican clubs of the District will be present. Good music has been engaged. Commit-tee: Hon. A. M. Clapp. president; H. A. Clarke, secretary, and F. D. Lee, corresponding secretary.

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